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SUBJ: NAMIBIA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. US, UK, AND FRENCH MISOFFS DISCUSSED TACTICAL MOVES
AT UN RELATED TO NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENTS, MARCH 12.
FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

2. UKUN BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SOUTH AFRICANS
TO MAKE WHATEVER DECLARATION THEY PLAN TO CONCERNING NAMIBIA
PRIOR TO OAU SESSION IN DAR ES SALAAM DURING APRIL. BRITISH
BACKED AWAY FROM THIS VIEWPOINT, HOWEVER, WHEN FRENCH
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOUTH AFRICAN MOVE WOULD THEN BE JUDGED
BY OAU RATHER THAN PROPER CONTEXT OF SC WHERE, CONCEIVABLY,
DEVELOPMENTS COULD BETTER BE SHAPED BY WEST.

3. BRITISH REPORTED THAT SA FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY FOURIE
HAD TOLD BRITISH IN PRETORIA THAT SAG WAS EXPLORING PREPARATION
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OF A DECLARATION TO UN WHICH WAS A PASTICHE OF VORSTER STATEMENTS

ON NAMIBIA, AND WHICH WOULD NOT PRE-JUDGE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION.
FOURIE ADDED THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN NAMIBIA ARE TO BEGIN
PRIOR TO MAY 31.

4. FRENCH HERE BELIEVE DEEPLY THAT SAG MUST GUARANTEE
NAMIBIA WILL BECOME UNITARY STATE. BRITISH HOLD VIEW, HOWEVER,
THAT UNITARY EXISTENCE SHOULD BE AN OPTION FOR VOTERS, IN
EXERCISE OF UNIVERSAL FREE SUFFRAGE, TO DETERMINE. FRENCH BASE
VIEW PRIMARILY ON BELIEF THAT TO FOLLOW BRITISH SUGGESTION WOULD
BE UNPALATABLE FOR OAU AFRICANS.
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